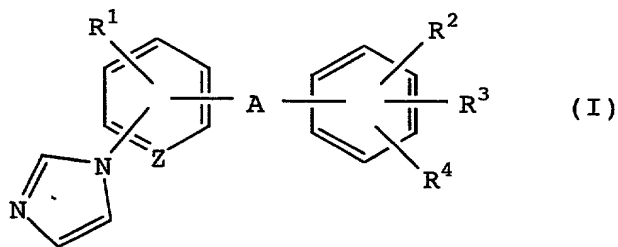


Abstract of the Disclosure

The MAG expression promoter of the present invention contains a compound of the formula (I)



5 wherein each symbol is as defined in the specification,
an optically active form thereof or a pharmaceutically
acceptable salt thereof. As a compound of the formula
(I), 4-[α -hydroxy-5-(1-imidazolyl)-2-methylbenzyl]-3,5-
dimethylbenzoic acid is exemplified. The MAG expression
10 promoter of the present invention is useful as an agent
for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of a disease of
mammals inclusive of human, which mainly presents
hypomyelination, further, dysmyelination or
demyelination.